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SUBJECT: PROSPECTIVE CHANGES IN GOVERNMENT

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1. EMBASSY HAS FROM BEGINNING ASSUMED THAT PURPOSE OF ACTIVISTS WAS PRECISELY THAT SUGGESTED IN PARAGRAPH 2 REFTEL. FOR THAT REASON, MISSION CONTACTS WITH SOURCES HAVE BEEN CARRIED ON DISCREETLY, THROUGH CHANNELS WITH WHICH MISSION OFFICERS WOULD BE IN TOUCH IN NORMAL COURSE OF THEIR REGULAR DUTIES. IN ALL CASES, THEY HAVE TAKEN PARTICULAR PAINS TO MAKE IT UNDERSTOOD THAT ANY PLOTTING WAS STRICTLY INTERNAL HONDURAN MATTER IN WHICH MISSION COULD AND WOULD HAVE NO PART, THAT OUR POSITION IS ONE OF ABSOLUTE NEUTRALITY.

2. PURSUANT TO REFTEL, EMBASSY WILL ESCHEW DIRECT CONTACT WITH ACTIVISTS. SUBJECT TO THIS LIMITATION, WE SHALL DO OUR BEST TO KEEP DEPARTMENT INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS.

3. OUR SOURCES HAVE INDICATED THAT ACTIVISTS FULLY AWARE OF VITAL IMPORTANCE TO HONDURAS AT THIS JUNCTURE OF USG AND OTHER FOREIGN ASSISTANCE. THEY ALSO HAVE INDICATED AN AWARENESS OF POSSIBLE PROBLEMS WHICH ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW GOVERNMENT MIGHT ENTAIL BY WAY OF RECOGNITION BY OTHER COUNTRIES AND IN OBTAINING FOR-

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EIGN ASSISTANCE. THIS MAY INDEED EXPLAIN THEIR EVIDENT

PREFERENCE TO NEGOTIATE THEIR DEMANDS WITH LOPEZ RATHER
TO FORCE HIM OUT. IN ANY CASE, PRESENT TREND APPEARS TO
BE TOWARD A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT OF THEIR DIFFERENCES,
WHICH PROBABLY WILL BE PRESENTED PUBLICLY AS AN INTERNAL
REORGANIZATION OF THE EXISTING REGIME.
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